Subject No. 9.
Issue of a Manual showing Amendments in the Revenue Code and Rules.

Summary of discussion.—A Manual should be issued showing amendments and alterations in the Revenue Code and Revenue Rules.

Reply of Government.—Noted for compliance in due course.

Subject No. 10.
Draft Regulation for the protection of Government Officers.

Summary of discussion.—It is not advisable to pass into law the Draft Regulation now under the consideration of Government for the protection of Government Officers. The measure is not required, and even if it is passed, the protection afforded thereby should not extend to other than superior officers.

Reply of Government.—The general protection provided in Section 4 can be modified, if necessary, but to the rest of the Act no reasonable objection can be taken. However, as there is a general feeling of apprehension regarding the practical working of the proposed law, the Government decide to abandon the measure for the present.

Subject No. 11.
Modification of the rules requiring parties to present and conduct appeals, &c., to the Council in person.

Summary of discussion.—It is desirable to modify the rules requiring parties to present and conduct their appeals and other cases in person before the Council. Such appeals and cases are quasi-judicial proceedings, and the exclusion of the members of the Bar would be prejudicial to the parties concerned.

Reply of Government.—The Council rules were only recently introduced after mature deliberation. The provision complained of is intended to save the raiyat much unnecessary expense and is not likely to inconvenience him in any way. Until practical inconvenience is proved, there are no grounds for an alteration of the rules.

Subject No. 12.
Modification of the Infant Marriage Prevention Regulation as regards Vaisyas.

Summary of discussion.—Vaisyas may be exempted from the operation of the Infant Marriage Prevention Regulation which contains provisions militating against a long established usage in their caste as regards the marriage of young boys.

Reply of Government.—The Regulation, as passed, does not include the original provisions which related to infant boys and which were said to conflict with the practice of the Vaisya community.

Subject No. 13.
Revision of Potgi allowances.

Summary of discussion.—An early revision of Potgi allowances is now necessary. The allowances were fixed several years back and do not now sufficiently remunerate the village officials for their work.

Reply of Government.—The rules require a revision of the Potgi settlement once in ten years. Such revision is in progress.

Subject No. 14.
Sayer duty and assessment on areca gardens.

Summary of discussion.—The halat on supari may be abolished as it presses heavily on the growers, who also pay a heavy land tax. Supari is becoming cheap owing to the absence of much demand for it and to the importation of a large quantity of it from British India.